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SUBJECT: NEW PALERMO PCI PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

1. ON MARCH 30, THE PCI'S PALERMO PROVINCIAL PARTY FEDERATION NAMED 35-YEAR OLD LUIGI COLAJANNI TO SUCCEED ANTONIO MANNINO AS PCI PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. MANNINO, WHO HELD JOB SINCE 1974, WILL REPLACE COLAJANNI AS HEAD AS PCI'S REGIONAL ECONOMICS AND LABOR OFFICE.

2. COLAJANNI BELONGS TO ONE OF ITALY'S COMMUNIST-FAMILY DYANSTIES. HIS FATHER, POMPEO, A FORMER PCI NATIONAL DEPUTY, LED THE PARTY'S WORLD WAR II RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN PIEDMONT. HIS MOTHER, LINA, IS A LEADER OF THE PCI WOMEN'S FRONT (UNIONE DONNE ITALIANE). AMONG OTHER RELATIVES ARE SENATOR NAPOLEONE COLAJANNI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE'S BUDGET COMMITTEE AND BENEDETTO COLAJANNI, A LEADING PARTY EXPERT ON URBAN AFFAIRS.

3. BORN AT BICHERASIO, NEAR TURIN, LUIGI COLAJANNI CAME TO SICILY IN 1976 AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER PCI REGIONAL SECRETARY ACHILLE OCCHETTO. PRIOR TO PARTY SERVICE IN SICILY, COLAJANNI WAS FIRST A STUDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY AN INSTRUCTOR IN URBAN PLANNING AT THE
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UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, AND SERVED AS HEAD OF THE FLORENCE PCI FEDERATION'S CULTURAL OFFICE. WHEN FACED WITH A CHOICE BETWEEN CONTINUING HIS ACADEMIC CAREER AND SERVICE TO THE PARTY, COLAJANNI OPTED FOR THE LATTER.

4. COLAJANNI REPORTEDLY CATEGORIZES HIMSELF AS A GENUINE "EURO-COMMUNIST". DC REGIONAL SECRETARY

NICOLETTI, WHO KNOWS AND RESPECTS HIM, HAS TOLD US OF COLAJANNI'S BELIEF THAT THE PCI MUST DEVELOP A DISTINCT ECONOMIC DOCTRINE TO MATCH THE CONCEPTS OF "EURO-COMMUNISM" AND THE "HISTORIC COMPROMISE" WHICH ARE THE THEORETICAL UNDERPINNINGS FOR THE PCI'S INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC POLICY. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, AN UP-FROM-THE-RANKS SHIPYARD WORKER, COLAJANNI IS AN INTELLECTUAL WHO IS REPORTEDLY MORE AT HOME WITH THEORY AND DIALECTICS THAN WITH RUNNING THE PARTY APPARATUS. HE HAS PUBLICLY URGED THE INCLUSION OF PCI ASSESSORS IN THE PALERMO CITY GOVERNMENT, AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO PURSUE THIS THEME AS A STEP BEYOND THE PCI'S PRESENT PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAJORITIES. COLLINS

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